

# ACT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1893.

(Chapter 145.)

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE MOTTO.

Whereas, contrary to the usage of nearly all the States of the American Union the coat-of-arms and the Great Seal of this State bear no motto; and whereas a suitable motto, expressive of some noble sentiment and indicative of some leading trait of our people, will be instructive as well as ornamental, and the State should also keep in perpetual remembrance the immortal declaration of independence made at Charlotte: now, therefore,

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

Section 1. That the words "esse quam videri" are hereby adopted as the motto of this State, and as such shall be engraved on the Great Seal of North Carolina and likewise at the foot of the coat-of-arms of the State as a part thereof.

Sec. 2. That on the coat-of-arms, in addition to the motto, at the bottom, there shall be inscribed at the top the words, "May the 20th, 1775."

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Section 5320. *Motto*.—The words "esse quam videri" are hereby adopted as the motto of this State, and as such shall be engraved on the Great Seal of North Carolina and likewise at the foot of the coat-of-arms of the State as a part thereof. On the coat-of-arms, in addition to the motto, at the bottom, there shall be inscribed at the top the words, "May 20th, 1775."

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(Chapter 115.)

Sec. 5339. *Keeper of Great Seal of State; design*.—The Governor shall procure for the State a seal, which shall be called the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina, and shall be two and one-quarter inches in diameter, and its design shall be a representation of the figures of Liberty and Plenty, looking toward each other, but not more than half fronting each other, and otherwise disposed as follows: Liberty, the first figure, standing, her pole with cap on it in her left hand and a scroll with the word "Constitution" inscribed thereon in her right hand. Plenty, the second figure, sitting down, her right arm half extended towards Liberty, three heads of wheat in her right hand, and in her left the small end of her horn, the mouth of which is resting at her feet, and the contents of the horn rolling out;